



# Georgia Hemp Grower License Application Guide

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Hemp Grower license application documents are available on the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) website at [agr.georgia.gov/georgia-hemp-program.aspx](http://agr.georgia.gov/georgia-hemp-program.aspx)

The initial Hemp Grower License fee is \$50 per acre intended to be cultivated (up to a maximum fee of \$5,000), payable once the application has been approved.

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## Steps to apply for a Hemp Grower license:



If you intend to enter into an agreement with an approved Georgia permittee to process the hemp that you grow, obtain affidavits of the agreement or intended agreement with each processor.

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Complete the online form using the following list of license application requirements.

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## License application requirements include:

As defined in O.C.G.A 48-8-3.3, information sufficient to prove that the applicant is a qualified agricultural producer including, but not limited to, an acknowledgment and production, upon request, of **at least one** of the following:

- Current Georgia Agriculture Tax Exemption Certification;
- IRS schedule F form (Profit or Loss from Farming);
- IRS form 4835 form (Farm Rental Income and Expenses);
- IRS schedule E form (Supplemental Income and Loss);
- IRS form 4797 form (Sales of Business Property);
- IRS form 1065 form (U.S. Return of Partnership Income);
- IRS form 1120 form (U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return);
- IRS form 1120S (U.S. Income Tax Return for an S Corporation); or
- Any tax returns, forms, sales receipts, or other information or documentation as may be requested or required by the Commissioner.

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If the applicant is a business:

- Current Certificate of Existence obtained through the Georgia Secretary of State's Office,
- Employer Identification Number (EIN).

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Unless the applicant is also a permittee, the name and contact information including, but not limited to:

- physical address,
- telephone number,
- mailing address,
- and e-mail address

of the Georgia permittee(s) with whom the applicant has entered into or intends to enter into an agreement pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 2-23-7 and the affidavit(s) required by O.C.G.A. § 2-23-6

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A copy of the deed or lease for the Grow Site(s) property, whether it is a field or a greenhouse, along with copies of relevant easements or licenses as proof of legal authority to cultivate hemp on the Grow Site(s)

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If hemp is cultivated or is intended to be cultivated **in a field:**

- A legal description, obtained from the relevant county courthouse property records, of land on which hemp will be cultivated or handled;
- GPS coordinates provided in decimal of degrees (ex. 34.000000, -84.000000) and taken at the approximate center of each Grow Site; and
- An aerial map or photograph that clearly shows the boundaries and dimensions of each Grow Site in acres or square feet.

If hemp is cultivated or is intended to be cultivated **in a greenhouse or other building or structure:**

- A legal description, obtained from the relevant county courthouse property records, of land on which hemp will be cultivated or handled;
- GPS coordinates provided in decimal of degrees (ex. 34.000000, -84.000000) and taken at the approximate entrance of the greenhouse or other building composing the Grow Site;
- The approximate dimension or square feet of the greenhouse or other building composing the Grow Site; and
- An aerial map or photograph that clearly shows the boundaries and dimensions of each greenhouse or other building or structure.

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Information sufficient for locating hemp storage facilities including, but not limited to:

- A legal description, obtained from the relevant county courthouse property records, of land on which hemp will be stored;
- GPS coordinates provided in decimal of degrees (ex. 34.000000, -84.000000) and taken at the approximate entrance of each storage facility;
- The approximate dimension or square feet of each storage facility; and
- An aerial map or photograph that clearly shows the boundaries and dimensions of each storage facility.

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Criminal background checks must be provided using the Georgia Applicant Processing Service (GAPS) managed by Cogent Systems, Inc. Instructions for using this service are found on the GDA website at [agr.georgia.gov/georgia-hemp-program.aspx](http://agr.georgia.gov/georgia-hemp-program.aspx)

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Application checkboxes provide:

- ☒ Written consent, allowing representatives of the department, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and other affected state and local law enforcement agencies to enter all premises where hemp is being cultivated, harvested, or handled for the purpose of conducting physical inspections and ensuring compliance with the requirements of this chapter.
- ☒ An acknowledgement of the Grower License Terms and Conditions.

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An affidavit and one acceptable document as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1 to verify citizenship/immigration status. This affidavit can be found on the GDA website at [agr.georgia.gov/georgia-hemp-program.aspx](http://agr.georgia.gov/georgia-hemp-program.aspx)

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Once the GDA has notified you that your application qualifies you for a Hemp Grower license, complete fingerprinting and background checks for all persons holding a beneficial interest in the license (individual applicant, owner and key participants of a business). Instructions for completing the background checks will be available on the GDA website.

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The GDA will notify you when all background checks have been accepted. The initial license fee is due at this point, and GDA will provide information on how to make the payment for this fee.